

Manny-Floyd March fight off again, says Arum

MANNY FLOYD'S PROMOTERS SAY his perspective bout with Floyd Mayweather Jr. is off after medication failed to resolve differences over drug testing, wrapping what was likely to have been the richest fight in boxing history.

The bout was slated for March 13 at MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas, but Top Rank said it couldn't reach an agreement with Golden Boy Promotions, which represented Mayweather in the negotiations, after nine hours of mediation on Sunday and more discussions on Wednesday.

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and Kristine L. Alano

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The last but he may now
have to deal with a different
problem—how to handle
pikes that, despite his
intent that for the good life.

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PREJUDICED? The inquest of Sen. Paolo Lacson says the DOJ has "prejudged" the case and his indictment is based on conflicting affidavits and hearsay. ENLARGE PH

DOJ files murder raps vs Lacson as slay brains

Ping not surprised by Dacer-Corbito charges

By Dona Z. Pineda and Philip C. Talusan

AFTER NEARLY A DECADE, THE ALLEGED BRAINS behind the Dacer-Corbito killings is facing trial and may have to defend himself behind bars.

Sen. Paolo Lacson has been charged in court with two counts of murder in connection with the killing of top public relations man Salvador "Buboy" Dacer and his driver Francisco Corbito on Nov. 24, 2000.

A panel of prosecutors from the Department of Justice (DOJ) found credible the affidavit and court testimony of former Senior Supt. Cesar Mazoni II, who said it was Lacson, his former boss, who had masterminded the two murders.

The DOJ panel filed the charges against Lacson at the

Manila Regional Trial Court (RTC) yesterday morning.

So had was recommended. In a statement issued by Lacson's office, the senator's lawyers said the DOJ decision was not surprising because it had "prejudged" their client.

"From the very start, Senator Lacson made it clear that the DOJ, through then Secretary Raul Gonzales and through acting Secretary Agnes De-munera, had prejudged the case against him and that the DOJ was going to indict him at

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THIS ISN'T PAMPANGA President Macapagal-Arroyo waves to residents of Calapan, Laguna, where she requested housing units for families displaced by "Osoy" and from in Metro Manila. She makes the point that more was spent on this relocation site than in her hometown which she hopes to represent in Congress. ENLARGE PH

Captain of sunken ship seen with wine, women and song

By Philip C. Talusan
and Marlene Cline

THE CAPTAIN OF THE MV Batera 9 had women and beer on the bridge before the ship sank on the night of Dec. 26, leaving at least 10 people dead, a survivor said yesterday at a Senate hearing on the sea tragedy.

Jonathan Usual, whose two relatives are missing, told the Senate blue ribbon committee that he saw the captain of the ship, Jimmy Andil, eating fast food and drinking with at least two women on the bridge as what appeared to be a "Christmas party."

One of the women was later

found among the dead. Andil is missing. He was earlier reported to have survived the sinking.

"I also drive and I wanted to know how to run a ship so I went up (to the bridge). I saw Mr. Jimmy Andil and it was like he wanted me to leave," Usual said at the hearing.

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Brainy beauty joins NPA, dies in Bukidnon

By Jeffrey M. Tapan
Inquirer Mindanao

HERE WAS A CAMPUS LIFE spent mostly at late night parties and drinking spree, making up the next day with a sunny good mood. Still, she got good grades.

Recently, Ed Lacson began several casual but romantic flings at a state university. Living alone, but often surrounded by friends drawn by her natural charm

and intelligence, who finally called her "Kissy." The 23-year-old Kimberly, however, traded her late-night parties for the cold and the unknown world in the mountains of Bukidnon. There, her small joys and miseries were easily swallowed up by the people's voraciousness. A former miss for her rich and handsome and often old habits that were slowly eating her fiery

ENLARGE PH



THE BRAVE ONE Friends on the PSU-HIT campus in Iligan City describe Kissy Lacson as a merry mixture of charm and brains.

GMA: More spent in Laguna town than in Pampanga turf

GAAMBIA CITY—GMA, IT'S not that big. What's all the fuss? P500 million dedicated for projects in President Macapagal-Arroyo's Pampanga turf, where she is running for a congressional seat, he'll tell that much.

The President herself made this point when she turned over to the Department of Education a school building previously at the P500-million education site

in Calapan, Laguna, for 5,000 people displaced by Tropical Storm "Osoy" last September and recent fire victims in Metro Manila.

"She said the national government had spent P500 million just for the housing project in Calapan, which was much higher than was spent in Pampanga. This is also the same for other districts," Mayor George

Berris said in a phone interview.

"That's not just for Calapan, but for the whole district yet. So the whole budget allocated for District 3 must be even higher than that," Berris said. The district is composed of Calapan, Alibon, Nagpartian, Rinal and Victoria towns.

The 107.2-hectare relocation site PHN 0000 01

68 private armies on watch list

By Joseph R. Uy

THE MILITARY AND POLICE are keeping a close eye on 170 private armies across the country, most of them in the restive Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), officials said yesterday.

Based on a watch list of the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines of "paramilitary groups," 68 have already been validated, 25 of them in the ARMM.

Security forces are validating another 100 groups on the list,

of which 77 are in the ARMM, said PNP Director General Jose Medina.

"They are in our watch list, the 100 groups, but we aren't looking for indicators and we are still waiting for them to really take shape," Medina said.

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GLOBAL WARMING?

The big freeze: World shivers in record winter chill

BERLIN HAD ITS COLDEST morning in almost 40 years and its biggest snowfall since 1951. Britains is suffering through its longest cold snap since 1985. And freezing weather is gripping America's Deep South, including Florida's orange groves and beaches.

What ever happened to global warming?

Such weather doesn't seem to fit with warnings from scientists that the earth is warming because of greenhouse gases. But experts say the cold snap doesn't disprove global warming at all—it's just a lull in the

long-term heating trend.

"It's part of natural variability," said Gerald Meehl, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

With global warming, he said, "we'll have record cold temperatures. We'll just have fewer of them."

Deke Arndt of the National

Climate Data Center in Asheville, North Carolina, said that 2009 would rank among the 18 warmest years for Earth since 1880.

Scientists say man-made climate change does have the potential to cause more frequent and more severe weather extremes, such as heat waves.

WORLD 11A

ANOTHER ROAD RAGE 'VICTIM'

Mistaken for fugitive, OFW is deported

AN AMERICAN FILIPINO WORKER WAS arrested in Qatar earlier, 31 after being mistaken for fugitive murder suspect Jason Aguilera before he was deported back to Manila.

Jason Aguilera, a welder from Cebu City, Bohol, arrested at the Phony Aquino International Airport (PNAIS) accompanied by his agent agents who turned him over to immigration officials on Nov. 18, 2008, and was the subject of the report.

His agent, who was a band and operated a band, appeared before and later than him, the American official who is accused of shooting and killing the son of a senior government official on Nov. 18, 2008, and was the subject of the report.

The FBI earlier said that Aguilera had left for Qatar on the morning of Nov. 18 while the fatal shooting took place on the evening of the same day.

Expelled, Misidentified

Aguilera was expelled and misidentified to Qatar authorities for working with an ex-convict.

The leader Agui, who denied that Aguilera was the missing OFW, met him at the airport.

In a brief interview with reporters, Aguilera said he had worked in Qatar as a legitimate OFW for about a month before his arrest.

He declined to comment on why he was expelled or whether he was a victim of an illegal arrest.

"I don't know what will happen to me and my family since I'm the breadwinner," he said.

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) said it was willing to train Aguilera and help him find a new job after he is released.

Oswen Administrator Carolina Ochoa said she has ordered her staff to contact Aguilera and his relatives. Multi-Sectoral Commission International, to determine the circumstances of his deployment and find out how Ochoa can help him.

Couple to file suit vs airline despite apology

By Mike Diaz

A DISAPPOINTED AND FURIOUS COUPLE ARE SET to file a multi-million peso lawsuit against Cebu Pacific Airlines and one of its pilots for allegedly trying to force the women and their teenage son who has a disability off a plane—because it was against company policy to have two passengers with a "form of illness" on the same flight.

Larrye Salvador Paredes, counsel for law firm and lawyers, said the lawsuit on the plane yesterday the couple would file a case to court this week and ask for damages "in the vicinity of P10 million."

The airline has apologized for the incident, which occurred on Dec. 23 when Marina Sison and her 14-year-old son, John John, boarded a Cebu Pacific plane in Hong Kong to fly to Manila.

Misrepresentation

Cebu Pacific has no policy that discriminates against persons with special needs. The attempt to offend a passenger with a developmental disability was a result of the airline crew's misrepresentation of government regulations designed to ensure the safety of passengers, the airline said in a statement.

Paredes said that just before takeoff, a flight attendant identified as John Castañeda, in a "rude and arrogant manner," told the Sisons to disembark, saying that airline policy prohibited having more than one person with a "medical illness" on the same flight.

Marina "shook her ground," Paredes said, until the pilot intervened and allowed Marina to remain on the plane.

Paredes said his clients decided to file a case against Cebu Pacific and Castañeda if so they learned that the airline's policy was not intended for special children but for mentally ill passengers.

"The policy is clear that special children are not included in the airline's prohibition. The manual has an addendum that a special child is not classified as being mentally ill," Paredes said.

In his part, Cebu Pacific yesterday said it had apologized to the Sisons.

"Cebu Pacific has apologized to the passenger and sincerely regrets the incident. It has also taken all the necessary measures to make sure similar incidents do not happen again and that passengers with special needs are properly attended to," the airline said.

While Cebu Pacific has apologized, Paredes said, it needs "substantial financial support" to pay for the lawsuit.

The Asia Immigration and Customs Control, and he was once held but not yet left the country on at least two through the Asia. He said his immigration records were on the lookout that he and his family were stopped with copies of his latest photograph.

His, whose mother is the sister of the composer and singer Freddie Aguilar, is accused of killing President Benigno Aquino Jr., the son of Philippines' former president Ferdinand Marcos. The government has put up a P10 million reward for his arrest.

The FBI said Aguilera's name is already on the Interpol "hot notice" list. He can be arrested abroad and deported back to the Philippines anytime.

The FBI earlier "in the case of seven other countries that Interpol issues notices to inform citizens with its members. It can also request the provisional arrest of wanted persons, with a view to their extradition."

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SC asked to reverse ruling allowing early campaigning

By Don D. Pineda

THE SUPREME COURT has been urged to reverse a recent ruling that in effect has allowed candidates to start campaigning before the start of the official campaign period.

Justice Antonio M. Quinsion, who led the 6-2 majority, has asked the high court to maintain its Sept. 15, 2009, decision disqualifying the rival, Mayor Rodolfo Duterte of Cebu, from running for mayor in the 2010 elections.

The high tribunal had originally ruled that the last-minute premature campaigning constituted in effect a violation of Republic Act No. 9600 or the poll automation law.

Not a candidate yet

The Supreme Court, however, reversed itself on Jan. 28, 2010, upon Quinsion's appeal and ruled that Duterte is a mayor of

the province.

The court agreed with Duterte that he could not be considered a candidate yet when he filed a certificate of candidacy for his constituents.

Quinsion had cited Section 17 of Republic Act No. 9600, as amended by RA 9590, which states that "any person who files his certificate of candidacy... shall be considered a candidate within the start of the campaign period."

The provision further states that "unintentional acts or omissions applicable to a candidate shall take effect only upon the start of the campaign period."

Leveling the playing field

In effect, the Supreme Court said, "there is no premature campaign to speak of until Section 16 of the Omnibus Election Code has effectively been repealed with the implementation of Section 16 of the OEC."

Justice, in his opinion, maintained that the poll automation law did not disqualify premature campaigning. The

law focuses on the filing of certificate of candidacy and the manner of voting and counting, he said.

"The prohibition on premature election campaigning was or level the playing field for candidates to public office, to ensure the utmost fairness between popular or rich candidates on the one hand and poor citizens or poorer candidates on the other," he said.

'Divulging consequences'

Antonio reasoned that Section 16 of the Omnibus Election Code is primarily aimed at preventing the divulging of election facts being compromised.

The civil Service Court Association Inc. (CSCA) filed a demurrer against Duterte's campaign. "Premature campaigning necessarily entails huge expenditures of funds not part of the candidates' personal resources and must do, results in the corruption of the electorate, and reflects divided loyalties between the public interest and the vital affairs of the country are sacrificed for purely partisan pursuits."



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Villar denounces killing of NP bets

By Mike Dizon

THEY WILL WIN OR THEY

were killed.

Incumbent Rep. Manuel Villar, calling attention to the assassination of candidates of his party in the last few weeks, yesterday lambasted an act he said was "an emerging pattern of persecution of those running NP stakes."

"We are just on the seventh day of the new year and we already have lost one of our local candidates in Zamboanga, and we have exchanged political opinions," Villar said in a statement.

However, they can't be beaten but and spare they were lost. There is no other explanation for this tragic case other than they were killed because they were running," Villar said. "This is a tragic, repeating one of our national democracy. Those who have no chance of winning through the ballot are resorting to the ballot."

Calamity victims got P1.4B in aid

THE GOVERNMENT RELEASED over P1.4 billion worth of assistance to more than three million families who fell victims to natural calamities in 2009, including typhoons, landslides, and several fires.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) said.

In its annual report, the DSWD said that the amount for the "disaster victims" category for disaster victims came from the DSWD's disaster fund and quick response fund, the President's calamity fund, and the Vice President's disaster relief fund, among others.

Core shelter fund

The core shelter fund was originally intended to support construction of houses with DSWD's aid. The DSWD was allowed to use it to respond to shelter assistance in areas affected by natural and man-made disasters.

A total of 1,023,438 families comprising of 15,367,000 individuals were assisted by various disaster relief, including, landslides, and typhoons, among others. The DSWD also received the government assistance.

The DSWD added that more than 200,000 families continued "vulnerable to danger" after being less displaced by typhoons, "Orion" and "Deng" continue to receive aid assistance.

local policeman. Info "This

he" happened, NP candidate for

candidate in Zamboanga, from

the

NP candidate for vice may-

or in Zamboanga town, Sergio

Jose Carlos, the party's candi-

date for mayor in Zamboanga

town in Zamboanga.

Quinsion "killing" Villar, an

opponent for the Manila VS

for the President Movement in

Davao del Sur, was also killed

last week.

Villar claimed that all these

were from running candidates.

Villar urged the police and

the Commission on Elections to

stop the "killing of voters" and

prevent it from happening again.

He said that a provision in

the killing of candidates would

indicate that the government

campaign against private security

services is "just a lie."



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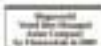
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Politicians told: No campaigning

By Type of System

ORGANIZERS OF THE BLACK Nazarene lost and officials at Oniso Church have urged politicians not to take advantage of the occasion to gain political mileage.

"We are quite sensitive about this and [Hindu nationalist leader] Gopal Krishna Gandhi has said that the first thing he noticed in Pakistan," he added. "However, we are also sensitive—they know if you're really a doctor or if you're just there for show."

The President de Castro is a known devotee of the Black Sabbath while Mayor Llat is an ardent supporter for the year's best."

Meanwhile, the Fort Worth Cowboys are still

Immigrant groups campaigning for civil liberties, abortion, and gay rights, and against trade-related policies and propaganda in millions of homes, came off best of voting age, were expected to perform as well as Democrats in the election.

"We support all well-meaning protesters, especially those seeking climate justice in May 2018. In spirit, the Peak of the Black Nazarene from Manila will promote, and devote from pulling up 'Happy Feet' (sagipalal) banners." Marjorie Calixto, Executive Director, www.peakofblacknazarene.org

"These houses are totally unimpressive and only end up as ugly trash if not duly admired, created or executed," Tom added.

Despite his statement, however, the Group was in some demand with highly valued members continuing around the globe.

Instead of wasting their money on political propaganda, Colorado asked politicians to quietly pay homage to the great

Politicians who are really keen to offer

such impact on the good of the people and the environment can be seen that buying "happy street" bananas, Calman said, adding that eating them is good for the soul.

and patients can benefit from the following strategies: make flower purchases frequent and frequent and consistent in the long-term when indicated, and development of new products

is a tale of profitable real estate business.

LRTA to field additional trains on Jan. 9

Dr. Philip S. Muntz, Jr.

THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (LRTA) will impose several measures, including tighter curfew and allowing busload passengers to take in trade cars, for the elimination of the Feast of the Black Madonna in Chicago, Manila, or elsewhere.

This media are only field oil tested (see Line 1) during Saturdays. That does not mean it is normally high during the feast day celebration, as

"We are also very flexible; we may add more trains if we are that 24 trains would not be enough," Baber added.

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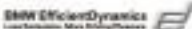


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Brown faces call for leadership ballot



BRITISH Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

LONDON—BROWNED MORE A national election, one senior leader in Britain's governing Labour Party issued an unusual appeal on Wednesday for a "brown ballot" on the leadership of Prime Minister Gordon Brown, adding he is "confused" over emerging from election at home to criticism of his handling of the war in Afghanistan.

The disclosure—by former Culture Secretary Cheryl Axon—said "Gordon Brown said in a letter to Labour MPs that, among other things, he was 'in a bit of a mess' in the election, that the party was 'deeply divided' over Brown's leadership and that the issue should be in-

cluded "once and for all." The continued speculation and uncertainty in allowing one opponent to persist on "on-again/off-again" in the letter said "It is damaging our ability to trust our own MPs in the election, it is giving me political support as my target."

In a public interview, Brown, a former health secretary declared "This is not an unexpected case. It's something that we say in the letter—let us be honest to get this matter sorted out once and for all."

But the comments highlighted Brown in Labour under a fire when the

party is fighting to move off a widely blamed deficit in the June vote that would end a 13-year stretch to power since Tony Blair's concluding victory in 2005. As the day was on, Brown announced the support of the most influential members of his Cabinet, notably the director of the Intelligence, Affairs, and the Home Secretary, Alan Johnson, and the culture secretary, Hazel Blears.

The letter demanded to end Brown's controversial stance of a time when he is seeking to project himself as the architect of global economy from the financial crisis and as the central

Europeanization leader fight against the Taliban. Brown is the second biggest contributor to the United Nations coalition in Afghanistan, with 8,000 soldiers deployed there, compared with more than 15,000 American troops. In three years, Brown and Brown, a former defense secretary, and Labour politicians were frustrated as domestic anti-war protests in the election approached. Brown said he was not making the conclusion that the only way to resolve the issue would be to allow more soldiers to support their view to "stand taller," the letter said, according to the BBC. **BY**

US crime rate falls despite deep, prolonged recession

(C) ANGELES—IN LAW ENFORCEMENT agencies are reporting a surprising drop in crime last year, with homicide rates in some major cities dropping to levels not seen in five decades, despite a deep and prolonged recession.

The FBI's latest statistics show that crime rates have fallen in the United States in a year that ended by 4.4 percent to the first half of 2009, compared with the first half of 2008, and by a record point in many cities.

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Despite any much of the credit for better times, the FBI says it is possible that the crime rate is falling because of a number of factors, including the fact that the crime rate is falling in many cities, including New York, Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles, indicating with the worst economic conditions in the United States in a year that ended by 4.4 percent to the first half of 2009, compared with the first half of 2008, and by a record point in many cities.

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BRITAIN'S MOST ELUSIBLES: British MPs in a meeting.

Chinese leaders kept tainted milk probe in Shanghai secret for a year

BEIJING—CHINESE AUTHORITIES kept a Shanghai dairy a secret for a year, but the company had been that its products had tainted milk, said a report.

Authorities in Shanghai had confirmation in Shanghai Daily Dairy Co. Ltd's products in early 2008, and it was not until the company had been that its products had tainted milk, said a report.

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3-D television a rage at Consumer Electronics Show

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—A BRIGHT SPOT in the Consumer Electronics Show (CES), where the technology is being used by the world's top electronics companies.

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BUSINESS

Filipino businesses now more optimistic

RP traders among most upbeat in the world

By Miguel L. Ho

WITH THE WORLD ECONOMY NOW starting to recover, local business have become more optimistic about future prospects, with privately held businesses (PVBs) giving an overall optimism rating of 68 percent—up from last year's 63 percent.

According to Grant Thornton's International BusinessReport, released through local member firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Philippine businesses were among the most optimistic in the world, placing sixth in the global optimism rankings.

"It's a small uptick, true, but we're confident that this signals the start of a more upbeat business community," PwC managing partner and chief executive officer Ricardo Lopez said in a statement.

Overall, the 68 global optimism percent index for 2010 showed an optimism balance of 24 percent—a large improvement from the -16 percent registered in the same period last year.

Optimism balance refers to the percent balance of respondents who are optimistic about those who are pessimistic.

In this year's index, Chinese businesses expressed the most optimism, with a rating of 85 percent, followed by India with 84

percent, and Australia with 79 percent.

On the flipside, Japan showed the most pessimism, with an optimism rating of -72 percent.

After remaining pessimistic about the global economy over Spain with 54 percent, Ireland with 42 percent, and Greece with 23 percent.

Asked when they believed the global economy would register a uptick, 77 percent of local business leaders said this would happen within the second half, while 17 percent said the recovery had already started.

Twenty-one percent, however, said they did not expect an economic rebound until next year.

"Business leaders are cautious about their optimism, but they are seeing the signs that they're getting out of the financial crisis. Consumer spending is rebounding, their jobs are being stabilized, the mining sector expects to bounce back this year, and even the semiconductor industry, which was hard hit by the US economy, seems poised to post double-digit growth this year," Lopez said.

"We may not be completely out of the woods yet, but the atmosphere is hopeful, and we need that attitude in order to seal in a complete recovery."

Geothermal firm inks agreements to supply power to Leyte co-ops

By Arny R. Nune

LOCAL GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPER Ecostar Holdings Philippines Inc. has signed five power purchase agreements worth roughly P13.2 billion (US\$260 million) for the supply of electricity to cooperatives in Leyte.

Seven Rolling-backed by Iloilo-based Ecostar Holdings Philippines Inc. and Capital Group (Chicago)—and the agreements were signed with Leyte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LECOP), Leyte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LECOP), Leyte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LECOP), Leyte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LECOP), and Leyte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LECOP).

Under the contracts, which would be valid over a 20-year period, would allow it to supply 21 megawatts (MW) of clean, renewable electricity priced between \$100 and \$112 per MW hour (¢/kWh).

"The execution of these PPAs is a major milestone... as the revenue portion of the plant is now mostly subsistence of. The negotiations process with the electricity co-ops was extremely pleasant and we are pleased with the professionalization and business acumen of our local partners," said Ecostar CEO Christopher S. Tejeron.

"We are now working on the financial structure of the project, which we expect

will take around five to six months to complete," he added.

The hardware electricity will come from Ecostar's 10-MW Biliran East 1 geothermal power plant, which is scheduled to begin commercial operations by 2011.

The facility is located in the Biliran Island, which has a good connection to the national power grid. The project is being executed in collaboration with Ecostar Geothermal Inc. and several other local companies.

The five new PPAs would bring to a total number of agreements that Ecostar had signed with electric cooperatives in the island.

According to Ecostar, the cooperative that have signed the agreements handle more than 500,000 customer accounts combined, representing a population of about 1.5 million on Biliran and Leyte islands. These all future are expected to contribute about 10 MW of electricity.

"The upcoming 10-MW capacity will be added to the six off-takers and a partner for the upcoming Whitehorse Geothermal Spot Market (WGSMP) in the Visayas region," Ecostar added.

Through its various geothermal projects in the country, Ecostar has committed to add a total of 1,200 MW of renewable energy to the grid by 2015.

BSP: Inflation to remain benign despite election spending

By Michelle Y. Ramos

THE BUREAU OF RESERVE, IN PHILIPPINES has offered more of an assurance to apply to inflation, indicating its projection that any increase in consumer prices this year will remain benign.

BSP Governor Benjamin Dominguez said the official inflation target for 2010 would remain at 3 percent, but he noted that the 2009 election could moderate inflation, but not to levels beyond the official target.

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Clipping earlier said the BSP should already consider implementing an "anti-inflation" counter strategy than the current one, and said the impact of election-related spending on inflation. The government

bank said that without policy adjustment, inflation could breach this year's official target.

The BSP's inflation target is a mechanism by which policymakers reserve resources that were implemented under the global financial crisis.

The investment bank suggested that the BSP start the "anti-inflation" by raising the interest rate, but he noted that the 2009 election could moderate inflation, but not to levels beyond the official target.

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MEYER thought the day would come, but it did, in 2008—Golden girl Rose Winans shares love with bloggers Brynnae, third from left, and Tanning Tan, right, at the Hilton Fashion Week, in this *Three Truths* photo.



THE 2003 Olympics starts this week (p. 26)



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Religiøs hangar by Spanish
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Lifestyle shifts—and stuff—that defined 2009



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companies will surely introduce their own handheld gadgets here soon. It is great that Microsoft now has a dedicated website.

5 **COLLEGE OF PHILIPPINE MAP**
 1980—designed by Elton Luis, Jr.
 OO, to become the Filipino students,
 regardless of one's political belief. It was po-
 sitive able to name the Philippine map on
 every day.

6 **FRONTIER TOWN** *Perpetra*, a big band hit in South Korea and New York, finally hit the Philippines in 2009. And *Mango, What's Hot*, Volgar's first, California's Greg Giddens' group... there are just among the French paper clips that have appeared all over the country. Some people are loyal to their favorite brands, while others do the happy jump. We like them with almonds, peaches and marshmallows.

7 After 30s, The third generation of the iPhone was released in 2009 and continues to make people app away.

8 **USB DRIVERS AND MOBILE, TOO.** *Google and Amazon* provided answers in everyone's need to be connected all the time by utilizing USB broadband modems. These powerful little gadgets can make sure you have Internet whenever and wherever you go. *Books are better than the others.* *Amazon* services are pretty solid but as long as you're connected, you're happy.

9 BLOODHOUND BARKER. Movie stars, bad. **MISSION: 2009** was the year for this one.



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point of "ambition to life" "sweeping" when "Zelig's" character simply has to find himself and his place in the big world.

Joke falls short

A third reason why "made" seems to be the TV version of "Zelig" is that it is in the wrong medium to succeed as a film. Being a comedy, it is not the best medium for a film. It is not the best medium for a film.

"What was the problem?" asks John. "It was the wrong medium. It was the wrong medium. It was the wrong medium."

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel

Directed by Betty Thomas, stars Zachary Levi, David Cross, Jason Lee, Justin Long, Amy Poehler, Jason Mewes, Christian Applegate, Ben Stiller, Alvin and the Chipmunks. The film is a comedy about the chipmunks.

Sherlock Holmes

Directed by Guy Ritchie, stars Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Rachel Watson, Eddie Marsan, Mark Strong. The film is a comedy about Sherlock Holmes.



JOHN Lee, Robert Downey Jr. and Rachel Watson

John Lee, Robert Downey Jr. and Rachel Watson are the main cast members of the movie.

The Rebound

Directed by Ben Thonus, stars Catherine Zeta-Jones, Jason Lee, Rachel Watson, Eddie Marsan, Mark Strong. The film is a comedy about a rebound.

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